

## MINUTES

### **American Power Boat Association - Vintage & Historic Committee Board of Directors Zoom Meeting**

**January 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by V&H Chairman Jeff Buckley at 9:00 PM. Those in attendance were Steve Compton, Vice Chair; Dick Delsener, East Coast Representative; Shaun Kelson, West Coast Representative; Mike Noonan, Inboard Representative; Rich Luhrs, Outboard Representative; Dan Joseph, Regions Representative; Jack Meyer, Officiating Representative; John Woodward, Communications/Marketing; Matt Yarno, APBA Board Liaison; Special Projects Representatives Rich Evans, Jim Berry, and Rick Sandstrom, Region 1 Rep Donnie McLean, Region 3 Rep Matt Morsheimer, Region 5 Rep Jed Wolcott, Region 6 Rep Mark Cravens, Region 7 Rep Fred Eichmiller, Region 10 Rep Mike Currie, Canada Rep Harry Holst.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved unanimously on motion of Steve Compton, seconded by Shaun Kelson.

Under old business, Chairman Buckley reported that the bylaws revision is complete, accepted by APBA, and is published on the APBA website.

Chairman Buckley continues his work on the roles and responsibilities of the various committee positions.

Chairman Buckley reminded members that “everyone has a story,” and to submit topic of the article they will be writing for Propeller to John Woodward.

Chairman Buckley remarked that communication/marketing, safety, and growth and longevity will remain the goals for 2022.

Under new business, Chairman Buckley reported that Rich Evans continues to work on inspection checklists including a new checklist for vintage capsule boats, a ready checklist, and a new inspector test.

Dan Joseph reported for the sanctions committee that a tentative schedule of events has been put together for evaluation at the national meeting. He asked members if they know of any other events being planned in their area. Jackie Meyer reported that a test session is being planned for Caesar’s Creek, OH for April 30-May 1; Hillsboro, OH (Rocky Fork) is being planned for July 30-31; and Caesar’s Creek is being planned for October 1-2. An event at Waterford, MI may also be in the planning stages. Events on Onondaga Lake and Lake Champlain in New York may also still be in the planning stages. Shaun Kelson and Mike Currie remarked that the event being planned for Entiat, WA will be the first V&H only event on the West Coast, with a projected boat count of 30 (they can handle more). They will offer trailer and crane launching. Jim Berry remarked that the Piney Point event will be outboards only but inboard that can ramp-launch can also be accepted.

Chairman Buckley reported that the national meeting in Orlando is still scheduled but is seeing a reduction in attendees because of Covid. The planned V&H reception for Thursday night in the hotel has been cancelled, but an alternative location is being examined. More details will follow. The V&H meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27 at a time still to be determined. The committee is working to have a Zoom component for this meeting. The first Rudders awards will be presented to Don Kelson, Bob “Pappy” Moore, and Tom D’Eath at the category awards dinner on Friday night January 28 at the annual meeting.

Chairman Buckley announced that he is looking for someone to maintain the V&H portion of the APBA website and the V&H social media accounts. He asked members to let him know if they have ideas on anyone who might be interested in this position.

Chairman Buckley reiterated that safety and the awareness of safety will again be important in 2022. Every participant at an event should consider themselves a risk manager with eyes open for safety concerns of any kind at an event they attend. He reminded members: “This sport is as dangerous as we allow it to be, and as safe as we make it.” Chairman Buckley announced that Geoff Magnuson is heading a team working on developing history and bylaws for the gentleman’s racer, gold cupper, etc. section of the V&H bylaws that has remained unfinished.

Steve Compton remarked that he is still working on the historical list of V&H boats and again requested information from members.

Shaun Kelson remarked that there will be 2 new events at Entiat and Brewster in Washington.

Mike Noonan reported that he met with some folks on the west coast recently and is looking forward to meeting more in Orlando.

Rich Luhrs reported that there would be inboard and outboard driving schools as part of the March Tavares event. The fee will be \$300 if the participant brings their own boat, \$500 if they use the school boats. There are 10 spaces available for the school. He also reported that UIM would be highlighting offshore and V&H this year, and that there are a number of boats in each group in Europe that could come out to participate in events.

Dan Joseph asked about the possibility of articles in Speed on the Water and Speedboat magazines. Rich Luhrs remarked that Matt Trulio and Ray Lee are ready to publish articles; he suggested that an article on the Rudders award winners might be a good one for Speed on the Water.

Jackie Meyer reported that he is working on the referee test for 2022, which will be ready for the national meeting.

John Woodward reported that V&H communication went well in 2021, but marketing was difficult. There were 20 V&H stories published in Propeller on both events and human interest. New submission guidelines for Propeller are ready for those writing articles for Propeller in 2022.

Matt Yarno reported that the APBA building in Detroit has been sold and closed. APBA leadership is looking at leasing space for 2 years in the Detroit area, and then a probable move will take place. Locations are being scouted.

Donnie McLean reported that he is busy working on boats and trailers in his shop.

Matt Morsheimer reported that he will contact the organizers of the Onondaga Lake and Lake Champlain events to see if they are still planning events for 2022.

Jed Wolcott reported that a totally new dock system has been installed in Tavares after a 2017 hurricane destroyed the old docks. He also reported that the ACBS Sunnyland event will take place on the weekend after the Tavares event in March.

Mark Cravens reported that he spoke with a new owner who will be coming to the driving school in Tavares.

Fred Eichmiller reported that he will be racing on (frozen) water with his snowmobile for the next couple of months.

Mike Currie reported that a 3 club Region 10 dinner will be held on January 22 at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Kent, WA. V&H awards will be presented.

Harry Holst commended Chairman Buckley and the committee for their leadership in 2021.

Chairman Buckley offered thanks to all committee members, and remarked that we will do our best, safely, in 2022 to return to on the water events.

The next meeting will be the V&H Annual Meeting, Thursday January 27 at the Doubletree Resort in Orlando at a time to be announced.

The next regular meeting of the voting section of the V&H committee will take place on February 9 at 9:00 PM via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM on motion of Rich Luhrs, seconded by Jackie Meyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph  
Secretary  
Vintage & Historic Committee